ties as per the Constitution of India;

(b) whether Government have finalised the comprehensive Bill to Amend the Constitution to include more Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes communities in the list;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay ; and

(d) whether Government could consider inclusion of those Scheduled Tribe Communities who have been wrongly listed under Scheduled Caste Community list, in the list of STs through Presidential order pending comprehensive revision of lists of SCs/STs through Constitutional Amendment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN:) (a) The names of the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes are given in the latest edition of Manual of Election Laws brought out by the Ministry of Law and Justice. Subsequent additions only in Scheduled Tribe list are :—

(i) *Meghalaya*

1. Boro Kacharis
2. Koch
3. Raba, Rava.

(ii) *Jammu & Kashmir*

1. Balti
2. Beda
3. Bot, Boto
4. Bropka, Dropka, Dard, Shin.
5. Changpa
6 Garra
7. Mon
8. Purigpa

In para 3 of the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) (Union Territories) Order, 1951 and para 2 of similar other Orders, 'Buddhists' has been added along with Hindu and Sikh *Vide* the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Amendment) Act, 1990.

(b) to (d) No final decision has yet been taken in the matter. In view of the provisions under Articles 341(2) and 342(2) of the Constitution, any amendment in the existing lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes can be done only by an Act of Parliament.

Regularisation and Continuation in job for NCC Officers beyond 50 Years

1364. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of NCC officers, who have completed 50 years of age after 13-2-87 for extending the age from 50 years to 55 years for regularisation and continuation in the jobs are still under consideration of the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details in this regard ; and

(c) by when the orders for regularisation and continuation in the jobs upto the age of 55 years are likely to be issued by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Advisory Committee on NCC in its Meeting held on 13 Feb. 87 had recommended raising of the age of relinquishment of commission for Male Part-time NCC Officers to 50 years extendable to 55 years in special cases and the

amendment in the NCC Rules to this effect was notified on 24 Dec. 88. In the meantime, some officers who completed 50 years of age on or after 13 Feb 87 but before 24th Dec. 88 were allowed to continue to work as Caretakers. The Ministry of Law & Justice however held that the said amendment cannot have retrospective effect. A case of regularisation of services of such NCC Officers is under consideration in consultation with Ministry of Law & Justice.

(c) No definite time schedule can be given.

Minor Boys Arrested by Army in Assam

1365. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of minor boys arrested by the Army in Assam in the name of nabbing ULFA extremists and the particulars thereof ,

(b) the number of the minor boys found to be connected with ULFA activities ,

(c) whether their parents are being informed after their arrest, and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) As per the State Government's information, no minor boys arrested by the Army

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Rape Cases in Assam

1366. SHRI BHADRES WAR BURAGOHAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the total number of rapes committed by the Army during the operation Bajrang in Assam ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) . No allegation of rape by Army personnel during 'Operation Bajrang' in Assam has been substantiated so far.

Conditions in Assam

1367. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent statement of the Governor of Assam that normalcy is fast returning to Assam and that he has diverted his attention to developmental works ;

(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating to abolish application of the Disturbed Area Act from Assam and thereby lifting President's Rule in Assam ; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) (a) After imposition of the President's Rule in the State of Assam, a better atmosphere of security among the people prevails in that State.

(b) and (c) Any decision in this regard will have to take into account